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1. GOA CONTINUES RESTRAINED IN REPORTING ON CHANGE IN LIBYAN REGIME. DESPITE TUNISIAN AND MOROCCAN STATEMENTS ACKNOWLEDGING NEW LIBYAN GOVERNMENT GOA HAS MADE NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, LEAVING OUTSIDERS TO ASSUME THAT THE UNOFFICIAL APS STATEMENT LABELING CHANGE AS INTERNAL AFFAIR (ALGIERS 1534) IS ALL THE GOA INTENDS TO SAY AT PRESENT ON THE SUBJECT. Vol 23 LIBYA XR Vol 16 LIBYA

2. MOUDJAHID SEP 9 REFERS TO MESSAGE FROM FOUR ARAB CHIEFS OF STATE RECENTLY CONVENED IN CAIRO (NASSER, ATASSI, NOUMEIRI, BOUMEDIENE) TO NEW LIBYAN GOVERNMENT. PAPER DOES NOT PUBLISH TEXT BUT MERELY QUOTES AL AHRAM AS SAYING THAT MESSAGE EXPRESSED "COMMON POINT OF VIEW ON SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING TOTAL ARAB SUPPORT OF REVOLUTION OF SEPTEMBER 1 IN LIBYA." WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT OF MESSAGE AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEES.

3. COMMENT: THIS CONTINUED ALGERIAN RESTRAINT-AT TIMES ALMOST FURTIVENESS-IS PUZZLING. SPECULATION IS RIFE AS TO REASONS BEHIND IT. IT MAY MERELY BE REFLECTION OF FACT THAT BOUMEDIENE AND BOUTEFLIKA REMAIN OUT OF

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THE COUNTRY AND THAT MAJOR POLICY STATEMENTS MUST AWAIT THEIR RETURN. THERE COULD BE OTHER LESS OBVIOUS CAUSES WHICH MAY BECOME KNOWN LATER AND WHICH MAY RELATE TO ORIGIN AND CHARACTER OF NEW LIBYAN REGIME.
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